

PILLS AND POTIONS.

The Third Day's Proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Convention.

Interesting Papers on Various Subjects Read and Discussed.

The National Museum Made the Depository of Specimens and a Special Committee Appointed.

Banquet at Abner's at Night—The Toasts Offered and Responses Made.

THE THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

The American Pharmaceutical association began the third day of its sessions at the national museum building yesterday morning. The discussion in reference to the action of the entertainment committee was renewed, several members objecting to a fixed plan of entertainment as interfering with the business sessions of the association. Finally a motion was adopted to refer all matters relating to entertainment to the committee.

A paper was read by Mr. G. W. Kennedy, of Potomac, Pa., in answer to the query whether oil of birch bark was sold in commerce under the name of oil of wintergreen. His conclusion was that oil of birch bark was frequently mixed with oil of wintergreen, and that there was a great deal of artificial oil of wintergreen in the market.

A volunteer paper, prepared by Virgil C. Coates, of Springfield, Ohio, was next read by Prof. Remington, on the quality of sugar and gelatin coated quinine pills. The paper stated that many of the pills furnished by manufacturers were deficient in quantity and quality.

Prof. Oldberg contributed a paper on "Specific Volume," and Prof. Lloyd another on precipitates in fluid extracts, tinctures, &c.

The committee to examine the president's annual address reported through Prof. Shinn. The report was in the form of a series of resolutions giving effect to recommendations made by the president. Among the resolutions adopted was one referring the subject of a national pharmacy act to the legislative committee, with power to memorialize congress, one directing the legislative committee to continue its efforts to elevate the condition of apothecaries in the army and navy; one empowering the council to select suitable delegates to represent the association at the international conference at Brussels next year; another protesting against the sale by the government of drugs and medicines condemned by the drug examiners; and another providing for a committee to entertain and be appointed by the council, which body shall supervise the action of the committee.

President Thompson made a statement to the effect that the association was largely indebted to Prof. S. F. Baird for his courtesy in extending them the use of the national museum building, and mentioned the fact that a collection of materia medica, belonging to no school, had already been placed in the museum, and that Prof. Baird would be glad to have specimens deposited there by the association, such specimens to be designated as the collection of the American Pharmaceutical association.

The national museum was then declared by resolution to be the repository of the specimens of the association; that all specimens there deposited be designated as the collection of the American Pharmaceutical association, and that a committee of three be appointed to collect and deposit specimens.

An adjournment was then taken until evening. The afternoon session did not convene until nearly 4 o'clock, and even then the attendance was very sparse, there being barely a quorum present. The interest of a large number of the members being doubtless centered upon the banquet. The minutes of the association were read, showing the election of officers of the council and the appointment of several committees. Mr. Chas. A. T. of Philadelphia, was elected chairman of that body, and a statement was read showing that a total of eighty applications for membership had been received during the present convention.

The committee on exhibition, through its chairman, Mr. Gordon, reported that they had examined articles displayed by 59 exhibitors, which is probably the largest display ever made here. The committee were granted time to make a detailed report.

The remainder of the session was then devoted to the reading of papers. Mr. W. J. M. Gordon, of Cincinnati, answered the query, "What is the product of bromine in this country?" He said there is annually produced in the United States from 450,000 to 500,000 pounds of bromine. The first production was in Freeport, Pa., in 1846. At that time it was used largely in the preparation of daguerreotype plates. Its preparation by individuals and companies has fluctuated since its discovery, and establishments where large quantities of it were prepared a few years ago are now abandoned. The average price of bromine is about twenty-eight cents per pound, and large quantities are exported annually to Europe.

The next paper read was by Mr. George W. Kennedy, of Potomac, Pa., in answer to the query: "Is it has been said that sulphate of cinchonidine containing a considerable proportion of magnesium sulphate has been found on the market. Is this true as regards the salt made by our American manufacturers?" The speaker cited several interesting experiments made by himself with four specimens of American manufacture, and concluded with the statement that the specimens did not contain it.

Mr. William W. Bartlett, of Boston, answered the query: "Is it not desirable to have a statimetric as well as volumetric method inserted into the pharmacopoeia, thus doing away with the absolute need of measuring apparatus, which are dependent upon temperature?" A large chart was exhibited showing proposed appliances. The method was recommended by Mr. Bartlett, also by Dr. A. B. Taylor, of Philadelphia, whose views were submitted in writing. The question was then generally debated by delegates.

An interesting paper by Mr. Charles K. Gallagher, of Washington, N. C., was read, detailing the methods of adulterating and refining alcoholic liquors, which are practiced in this country, also a vivid description of the manufacture of whisky in North Carolina, and the tricks of the distilling and rectifying trade. The paper was accompanied by three bottles of whisky.

At the conclusion of the reading a western delegate arose and said: "I move that the samples of whisky be not passed around the room, as is customary, because several valuable specimens for our museum might thereby be seriously crippled." [Laughter.]

The "whisky question" was then taken up by the delegates and discussed in its various phases.

Prof. Remington then read a volunteer paper upon the manufacture of fluid extracts upon a large scale by apparatus. This paper was contributed by Prof. William M. Thompson, of Philadelphia, and was illustrated by a large chart, and contained much of interest to chemists and pharmacists.

The president here announced the appointment of the following committee on the national museum: J. A. Milburn, Washington; R. J. Parsons, New York; and Joseph Roberts, of Baltimore.

Mr. George W. Sloan, of Indianapolis, read a lengthy paper on the query: "It has been said that if snow formed in any month but April be melted and bottled the water will become pure; that snow which falls during the month of April, upon the contrary, will furnish water which will remain limpid the summer through, and which can be used by pharmacists and photographers." Snow was gathered by Mr. Sloan during the several months on which it fell, and interesting experiments were made. He failed to find any difference between snow water and any other.

Dr. Becker here announced that the steamer for Mount Vernon would leave her wharf at 2 o'clock to-day instead of 3 o'clock, as announced.

Slight amendments were made to by-laws. Upon motion of Prof. Colcord, of Massachusetts, a committee of ten was authorized to collate formulas.

A motion to ensure the proprietors of

patent medicines who have not lowered the price of their preparations, notwithstanding the abolition of the revenue stamp tax, was tabled.

The committee on the time and place for holding the next annual meeting reported favoring Milwaukee, Wis., and the date as the second Tuesday in September.

The session adjourned, a little before 7 o'clock, until this morning at 9 o'clock.

Immediately after the afternoon session of the convention a meeting of the council was held to nominate a local secretary for the next place of meeting—Milwaukee. After some discussion a name was suggested, which will be presented to the meeting to-morrow.

THE BANQUET AT ABNER'S.

It was proposed that the grand A. P. A. banquet at Abner's hall should begin at 6:30 o'clock sharp last evening, but owing to tardy members, many of whom were detained sight-seeing, the assemblage was not called to order until 7:30 o'clock. Herr Abner distinguished himself beyond all expectations. On no previous occasion had his spacious hall looked so perfectly lovely before, and never had there been spread so tempting a repast within its walls.

About the walls, in each window, and from every chandelier, flags and hanging baskets of growing plants were tastefully suspended, and in every prominent corner and corner tubs of tropical plants were placed, forming a charming addition to the bright picture caused by the long, handsomely laid tables. There were six of these tables, five running the full length of the hall, and the sixth placed in front of the stage at the lower end. Each was gorgeous with bright flowers and pyramids of fruit, and on the last mentioned one, reserved for the president, ex-president, and others, were placed, in addition to floral posies and mortar formed of white and red carnation pinks and lovely sweet scented violets. In the balcony Abner's famous orchestra was stationed, and assisted by Messrs. Rowena and Wendenburg, and Mr. D. J. New York, rendered an entertaining concert during the feast. Covers were laid for 320 persons, but owing to the departure of a number for the Baltimore oriole, only about 200 guests appeared. The stage and the mahogany when the chairman ordered them to "go in."

The following excellent menu was served, under the personal supervision of Mr. Ed Abner:

Menu.
Huîtres en coquilles.
POTAGES.
Tortu à l'Américaine; consommé à la royale.
HORS D'ŒUVRES.
Olives; bouchées au saumon; ardoines; tomates; câviers; cornichons.
POISSONS.
Saumon du Kennebec; bass à la Hollandaise.
RELACHE.
Filet de bœuf; sauce Bordelaise; choux-fleurs au Velouté.
ENTRÉES.
Oiseaux sauvages sur canapé; salade du poulet.
NOTES.
Chevreuil sauce gressin; chapeaux aux truffes; salade de légumes.
CRÈMES GLACÉES.
Vanille, citron, fraises, chocolat, ananas.
FRUITS ASSORTIS CAFÉ.

The menu was printed in black and gold on a sky blue gros grain silk. The new president, Mr. W. S. Thompson, who was escorted to the chairman's seat amid loud applause, was surrounded at his table by ex-presidents Heinisch, Lancaster, Pa.; Bedford, New York city; Sloan, Philadelphia; Sloan, Indianapolis; Ingham, Charleston, S. C.; Markoe, Boston; Gordon, Cincinnati; and Hancock, Baltimore. Others at the table were Messrs. A. J. Menninger, Dr. J. A. Schaffner, H. W. Atwood, Prof. Bolles, Boston; Prof. E. Scholch, Louisville, Ky.; Prof. C. L. Diehl, Louisville; J. V. Bond, Little Rock, Ark.; T. Roberts Baker, Richmond, Va.; C. H. Kepler, New Orleans; and J. Ingalls, Macon, Ga. All the other tables were well filled.

About 9 o'clock, the cloth having been removed and black coffee and cigars substituted for wines and solids, Mr. Seabury created a ripple of pleasant excitement by presenting Dr. Menninger, the toastmaster, with a handsome ebony carved, inlaid with ivory and appropriately engraved. The recipient, somewhat embarrassed, accepted the gift in a neat little speech. He then announced the first toast, "The American Pharmaceutical Association," which was responded to by ex-President Heinisch briefly and good naturedly. The substance of his remarks being the wish of long life and prosperity to the association.

The toast, "Our Washington association," was responded to by President W. S. Thompson. As he arose he was greeted with wild applause and the rattling of glasses.

He said: "Gentlemen and brethren of the association, in speaking to me tonight, I must thank you first for coming to Washington to hold the convention. I want you to feel that this city does not belong to the residents of the District of Columbia, but to every citizen of the United States, and you have a right to feel that it is yours as well as theirs. I want you to feel at home here, but hope that you will not all come to embark in the drug business. [Laughter.] There was a time when we were so anxious to receive and entertain visitors, but are proud to do so now, because we not only have the handsomest city in the world, but the greatest political center on the earth. As far as pharmacy goes, we have not been idle either. Our work compares favorably with that of the largest cities of the country, and we can point with pride to our local college of pharmacy—a noble institution. [Loud applause.] We may not be able to boast of any particular brilliancy among our members, but I can justly say that Washington contains to-night the ablest collection of pharmacists in the known world." Mr. Thompson then concluded amid loud applause and laughter.

"The teaching colleges of pharmacy," announced as the next toast, was responded to by Prof. Markoe, who maintained that the college was the mother of the American Pharmaceutical association, and that the latter was doing ample to reflect credit upon its alma mater.

Mr. Seabury responded to the toast "The entertainment committee, long may it wave," in a happy characteristic speech. He regretted the absence of the ladies and hoped that this would be the last banquet from which the fair sex would be excluded.

Toasts were announced and responded to as follows: "The Wholesome Druggists' Association," by W. A. Gelatly. "The committee on the revision of the United States pharmacopoeia," by Dr. Charles Rice. "The pharmacopoeia press," by Prof. F. W. Bedford. "A fond mother's pride, her precious children—our state pharmaceutical associations," by Col. T. Roberts Baker and J. B. Bond. "Our foreign relations," by Wm. Rust. "Our baby—three days old and very well—the retail druggists' association," by Henry H. Bond, who made a brief and exceedingly witty address, which drew forth merited applause.

"The manufacturing pharmacists," by W. J. M. Gordon. By the time the last toast was made it had grown close to midnight and the guests departed reluctantly, soon leaving the banquet hall deserted.

The pharmaceutical delegates will visit Mount Vernon this afternoon on the steamer Curran and view the many points of historical interest in that locality. The steamer will leave her wharf at 2 o'clock, returning about 6. A splendid collation will be served on the boat and the following musical program, arranged by Prof. J. J. Sousa, will be rendered by the marine band:

March—"Transit of Venus," Sousa; overture—"Plantation Echoes," Ross; waltz—"La Plus Belle," Waldteufel; cornet solo—"Whispering Pines," Levy (Mr. Wm. Jagger); march—"Patriot's Gigue," Macdougall; "Dancing in the Barn," Claus; selection—"Patience," Sullivan; colloquium—"Bric-a-Brac," Foster; morceau—"La Poloma," Missud; morceau—"Tollanthe," Sullivan; song—"In the Gloaming," Harrison; potpourri—"Macdougall; Andran; polka—"Käthele," Stasny; galop—"Hallo! hallo!" Steinhagen.

Free Thought.

SALAMANCA, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Charles Watts, of London, and George Cheney, of Boston, have arranged to make an extended lecturing tour through the United States and Canada in behalf of free thought principles.

A JONADAB ANNIVERSARY.

Interesting Exercises at Eureka Council, No. 8.—The Programme Rendered and Who Were Present.

Eureka council, No. 8, Sons of Jonadab, held its third anniversary last night at Washington hall, corner Third street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, which consisted of an excellent entertainment and a sermon. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity.

The following programme was rendered: Introductory remarks, Capt. W. H. Horn, the worthy chief of the council; opening ode; address, Judge Mills, the founder of the order; scene from "Julius Caesar," Messrs. Mulligan and Brown; duet, Messrs. Brooks and Bussier; recitation, Mrs. Taylor; recitation, Miss Bledie Walker; recitation, Miss Jennie Skirvington; whistling solo, Miss Burlingame; recitation, Mrs. L. E. Adams; character song, Bertha Marthist; song, Frank family, assisted by Mr. Kalstrom; banjo solo, Mr. Wilson; recitation, Dr. Frank White; recitation, Miss Ann Eason; comic song, Mrs. E. D. Smith; recitation, Mrs. Taylor. About 10 o'clock p. m. the party adjourned to the lower hall where dancing was indulged in to the strains of Prof. Kraus's orchestra until an early hour this morning.

Among those present were Mrs. Darragh, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Kalstrom, Mrs. Walton, of Washington, Pa.; Misses Lily Denegri, Mollie Denegri, Sadie Horn, Mollie Polte, Katie Darragh, Julia Bessie, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Julia Smith, Lyons, Frost, and Messrs. Johnson, Boyd, Frey, Lewis, Thompson, Fred Lewis, Prof. Birmingham, Tinley, Bennett, James Barrow, J. W. Walton, of Washington, Pa.; Capt. W. H. Myers, Capt. W. H. Horn, Ed. Smart, and B. Allen. This is the youngest and most prosperous council in the city. It has a membership of about 100.

EAST WASHINGTON.

A very pleasant and enjoyable reunion was held last night by Prof. Birmingham at his academy in Washington hall.

The funeral of Mr. Isaac C. Bartlett took place from his late residence, corner of Fourth and D streets southeast, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Francis, of Fourth Street M. E. church, officiated. Those who acted as pallbearers were Messrs. Joseph Dodge, Clarence Dodge, Ledyard Boyd, James Callan, James Mead, and William Benson. A very large number of relatives and friends attended. A number of handsome floral tributes were placed upon the casket.

The casket was in the alley between Seventh and Eighth streets, and it is estimated that over 2,000 persons passed it on the southeast corner yesterday taken up and re-laid.

The East Washington Band of Hope held a meeting last night at Seaman's retreat. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. H. D. Emmons. A large number of children attended. Mrs. Dr. Rogers, the superintendent, is a very energetic worker.

Among the sportsmen who went out on the marshes yesterday, Messrs. William and James O'Neil bagged 25 ortolan and Mr. Jones 71 reed birds.

PERSONAL.

H. A. Tyler and wife, and F. A. Wing, Michigan, are at the National.

Mr. Matthew McCully, bailiff of the criminal court, has returned from a two months' visit to the north of Ireland.

J. F. Davis, Alabama; M. H. Brandon, New York; and W. Derricksen, Philadelphia, are at the Metropolitan.

H. H. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; W. P. Morgan, Chicago; W. Lockridge, Austin, Tex., and John Smith, St. Louis, Mo., are at the Metropolitan.

Mr. John Jay Washburn, chief clerk of the national cemetery bureau, has gone to Rutland, Vt. His daughter Miss Emma accompanied him.

Misses Caddie and Emily Yoder, the daughters of Wm. L. Yoder, esq., of Mahanoy City, Pa., are spending a fortnight in this city, the guests of Maj. C. T. Yoder.

Dr. Chas. E. Pratt and Julius C. Holmes, West Virginia; H. H. Williams, Pennsylvania; G. W. Taylor, Portland, Ore.; and Geo. Wilcox, New York, are at the Metropolitan.

Prof. James Storrum has resigned one of the district schools to accept the position of president of the Normal and Collegiate institute of Virginia, near Petersburg.

Mr. Simon Brentano returned to the city from a five months tour in Europe yesterday morning. During his absence he visited the principal points of interest in England, France, and Germany.

Leonard Haynes, Laredo, Tex.; Charles E. Maass, Charles Kinkel, Charles E. Johnson, Wm. Worthington, Addison Conkling, New York; Albert Jung, H. R. Rymmer, H. H. H. F. Kumble, Cold Springs, N. Y.; Charles Miller and J. C. Silby, Pennsylvania, are at the Ebbitt.

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